

# Pre-K Updates

August 7, 2020



**Georgia Dept  
of Early Care  
and Learning**  
BRIGHT FROM THE START

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# Determining Our Mindset



# Guiding Principles

- Acknowledge feelings.
- Be flexible.
- Seek expert advice.
- Assume good intentions.



# Guiding Principles

- Support teachers.
- Focus on the needs of children.



# Communication



# Communication

## August

- Update Emails
  - In August, a Pre-K Updates email will be sent each Monday.
  - Will include any new information, important dates, and relevant resources.
- Bi-Weekly Webinars
  - Scheduled for Friday @ 12:00.
  - Will be recorded and posted.
  - Next webinar is scheduled for Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- FAQs updated as needed.

# Communication



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## PROJECT DIRECTORS

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The following is a list of items and/or documents to support you in implementing Georgia's Pre-K Program.

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# Instructional Models



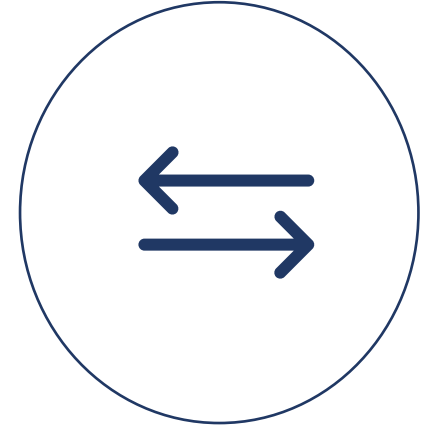
# Instructional Models



**Models must be approved.**



**If you have not submitted, please discuss with your Pre-K Specialist.**



**Communicate any changes to your Pre-K Specialist.**

# Instructional Models



**Hybrid Model:  
Distance Learning**



**Children need both activities/  
materials and interaction. Teachers  
need to connect with children and  
families.**



# Pre-K Rosters & Payments



# Teacher Rosters



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## PANDA RESOURCES

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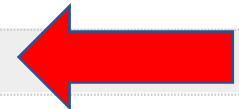
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- Teacher Information Screens opened on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Please review and update Lead and Assistant Teacher information due TOMORROW.
- Information will be used for the August payment calculation.
- Refer to [Tips for Updating Roster 1 Teacher Data](#).
- Need help? Email [panda.teachers@decal.ga.gov](mailto:panda.teachers@decal.ga.gov)

# Pre-K Rosters

2020 - 2021

*Dates for Roster 1 and 2 have been revised due to later school start dates.*

Roster	OLD Roster Open for Data Entry	NEW Roster Open Date for Data Entry	OLD Count Day	NEW Count Day	NEW Due Date to DECAL
1	August 3, 2020	August 25, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 18, 2020	September 25, 2020
2	October 5, 2020	October 19, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 13, 2020	November 20, 2020
3	December 11, 2020	No Change	January 15, 2021	No Change	No Change
4	February 12, 2021	No Change	March 12, 2021	No Change	No Change

\* Operating Guidelines and COVID-19 Addendum have been updated and posted.

# Student Rosters

- Rosters will open for entry on August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Count date is September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Only enter enrolled students on your roster.
  - Make sure that you have confirmed each child's attendance in the classroom.
- Student Rosters must be submitted by September 25<sup>th</sup> for all classrooms.
- Refer to *Roster Tips- Entering and Correcting Student Information.*
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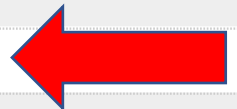
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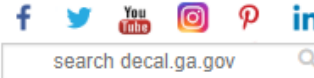
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[2019-2020 Welcome to Georgia's Pre-K Webinar - \(mp4\)](#)

[2019-2020 Pre-K Basics \(Slides\)](#)

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[2018-2019 Year End Reconciliation Webinar](#)

[2017-2018 Returning Director Informational Session](#)

[WSO for Administrators Webinar](#)

[GaPSC Certification Overview for Georgia's Pre-K Program - Slides](#)

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[WEBINAR SERIES: The Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Development in Young Children](#)

[Using the WSO Class Profile Report to Plan Webinar \(mp4\)](#)

[WSO Narrative Summary Report: Tips and Tricks Webinar \(mp4\)](#)

[PANDA Roster System Webinar \(mp4\)](#)

[PANDA Roster System: Teacher Data Entry Webinar \(mp4\)](#)

[PANDA Roster System: Student Data Entry Webinar \(mp4\)](#)

# Payments

2020 - 2021

- The August, September and October payments will be based on the Grant Agreement.
  - The August payment will be processed on **Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- The November payment will be based on Roster 1 data.
  - Roster 1 data will be reviewed to determine proration of operating costs.
  - **It is very important that Roster data is entered correctly and on time.**

# Technology Purchases



- Pre-K Funds can be utilized to purchase technology.
  - Tools
  - Internet
  - Software
- Prior approval is not needed.



# Supporting Teachers



# Teacher Resources

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## RESOURCES FOR THE GEORGIA'S PRE-K 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

+ General Information

+ Pre-K Instructional Models

+ Schedule and Lesson Plan Templates

+ Virtual Learning Resources

+ Social and Emotional Tools

+ Family Engagement and Resources

# Teacher Training

2020 - 2021

- A training webinar on distance learning will be posted next week.
- The Pre-K Teacher training calendar will be posted mid-August.
  - New Teacher Training
    - Fall: Virtual trainings
    - Winter/ Spring: 1-day face to face (if possible)
  - Returning Teachers can choose from:
    - Fall: Virtual trainings
    - Winter/ Spring: 1-day face to face training (if possible)



# Resources for Returning to School

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Webinar: *Preparing for the Return of Children After Isolation*

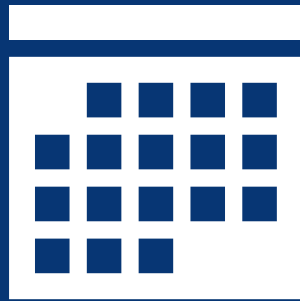
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/894966588824508687>



Podcast: *COVID Considerations for Returning to School*

<https://decaldownload.buzzsprout.com/>

# Important Dates



**August 8:** Teacher data due

**August 14:** Pre-K Calendars due

**August 25:** Rosters open

**August 27:** DECAL Board Meeting

**September 1:** WSO opens for  
teachers

**September 18:** Roster Count Date

**September 25:** Roster Due Date

**September 30:** All 2019 – 2020  
Pre-K Funding must be expended.



# Questions

